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Mr. Emmett R. Heltzel, P.E.
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Dear Mr. Heltzel,

This is in reference to our conversation concerning the proposed extension of US 311 in North Carolina to US 58 in Virginia. As you may be aware, any route modification is required to be submitted to AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials). These requests are submitted to the AASHTO Special Committee on Route Numbering for consideration. This committee meets two times a year, typically in May and October of each year. Also, if the proposed U. S. route modification involves two or more States, the proposal shall be given official consideration only when all affected State Highway Departments have filed applications to cover the complete proposal.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has established an internal investigation procedure along with a review committee to evaluate all route modifications in North Carolina. This procedure can be found on the Departments web site at the following address: <http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/traffic/tepp/Topics/H-12/USRoute.pdf>. Once a request is received with all the required information (field investigation), an AASHTO application is developed and reviewed by the Oversight Committee prior to submittal to AASHTO. The NCDOT is in the beginning stages of this process for the US 311 extension from its current location at US 311/NC 87 in North Carolina to NC 14/87/770 to NC 700/770 to NC 770 to US 58 in Virginia (see attached map). Below is a listing of items that are in process or will be in the near future:

- Transportation Mobility and Safety Division has received a request to begin route modification process for the US 311 extension.
- Request has been submitted to Regional Traffic Staff to complete a field Investigation and necessary forms.
- Contact has been made to Virginia Department of Transportation.
- Once information is compiled and submitted, an AASHTO application will be completed and reviewed
- Appropriate Resolutions from municipal officials in North Carolina will be acquired
- AASHTO application from North Carolina will be submitted prior to March 31, 2012 for consideration.

As indicated above, since this route encompasses two States, the NCDOT requests coordination with the State of Virginia when submitting this route modification to the AASHTO Special Committee on Route Numbering in the Spring of 2012. The NCDOT contact Renee B. Roach, PE, will provide a copy of the completed AASHTO application to Virginia Department of Transportation prior to submittal to AASHTO.

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Please find below contact information for a regional and local representative from the Department. Ms. Roach will be handling the coordination efforts for the route review, Committees and AASHTO application. Ms. McPherson is located within the area Division office where the route is physically located. If you have any questions, please give them a call. We appreciate your assistance with this coordination effort and we look forward to working with the Virginia Department of Transportation.

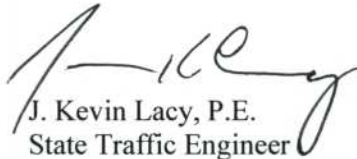
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Sincerely,


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